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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re Application of:

Eija Pirhonen et al.

Serial No.: 10/006,800

Filed: December 4, 2001

Title: RESORBABLE POLYMER COMPOSITION
IMPLANT AND METHOD OF MAKING
IMPLANT

Examiner:

Carlos A. Azpuru

Art Unit: 1615

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Attention: Office of Petitions

PETITION TO WITHDRAW UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.313(e)(2)
FOR CONSIDERATION OF RCE

On January 15, 2004, Applicants submitted a Response to Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Transmittal with which the Issue Fee was paid in the amount of \$971.00. However, Applicants hereby petition to withdraw the above-referenced application from issuance in consideration of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and submission of the attached reference. A Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement and an RCE Request are being concurrently submitted herewith.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being submitted by facsimile addressed to: fax no. (703) 872-8308, Commissioner for Patents, Attn: Office of Petitions, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on

April 2, 2004

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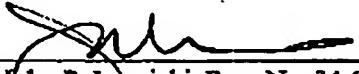
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With respect to additional fees, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the total additional fees of \$515.00, and any additional fees or credit overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0733.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: April 2, 2004

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